

DURHAM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2004 – 1:00 P.M.
Committee Room -2nd Floor – City Hall

SUBJECT: PLAN FOR THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTIES

To receive a presentation on the proposed plan for the sale of City-owned surplus properties.

Mark Greenspan, Director of General Services, made a presentation on the Affordable Housing Initiative Action Plan making comments on the goal; categories of city-owned properties; properties included in affordable housing initiative and target markets; residential structures; residential structures ratings; allocation of properties by category; disposal methods by target market; residential structures rated good; residential structures rated fair and buildable lots; and residential structures rated poor.

The administration recommended that the City Manager be authorized to execute demolition contracts on seven(7) structures identified as poor or to convey title to those properties to a non-profit for affordable housing on the condition that the structure shall be demolished within 60 days of option or sale.

Discussion was held by Council on mechanism to screen homebuyers and persons who qualify [80% median income].

MOTION by Council Member Clement seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden to suspend the rules of the City Council and take action on the above-mentioned subject was approved at 1:45 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti and Clement. Noes: None. Excused Absence: Council Member Stith.

After discussion on the recommendation, it was suggested that the structure shall be demolished within 45 days of option or sale rather than 60 days.

MOTION by Council Member Clement seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden to receive a presentation on the proposed plan for the sale of City-owned surplus properties; and

To authorize the City Manager to execute demolition contracts on seven(7) structures identified as poor or to convey title to those properties to a non-profit for affordable housing on the condition that the structure shall be demolished within 45 days of option or sale was approved at 1:50 p.m. by the following vote: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti and Clement. Noes: None. Excused Absence: Council Member Stith.

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SUBJECT: CONTRACT – JAMES MURRELL COMMUNITY ACCESS PROVIDERS

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden seconded by Council Member Catotti to suspend the rules of the City Council and take action on the above mentioned subject was approved at 3:11 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti and Clement. Noes: None. Excused Absence: Council Member Stith.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole seconded by Council Member Catotti to authorize the City Manager to execute the following contract; and

To authorize the City Manager to make changes to the contract before execution as long as the changes do not increase the dollar amount and remain consistent with the general intent of the contract was approved at 3:11 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti and Clement. Noes: None. Excused Absence: Council Member Stith.

James Murrell, Community Access Providers – Weed and Seed Evaluation - \$5,200.00

SUBJECT: RIGHT-OF-WAY TRACTOR MOWING AND LITTER DEBRIS REMOVAL CONTRACT – DIXIE LAWN SERVICE, INC.

Public Works Director Katie Kalb made comments on this item.

MOTION by Council Member Clement seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden to suspend the rules of the City Council and take action on the above mentioned subject was approved at 3:50 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti and Clement. Noes: None. Excused Absence: Council Member Stith.

MOTION by Council Member Clement seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Dixie Lawn Service, Inc. for Contract M.04.01 Right-of-Way Tractor Mowing and Litter and Debris Removal in the amount of \$997,653.64; and

To authorize the City Manager to modify the contract provided the modifications do not increase the dollar amount of the contract and are consistent with the general intent of the version of the contract approved by the City Council was approved at 3:55 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti and Clement. Noes: None. Excused Absence: Council Member Stith.

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D. Ann Gray, CMC
City Clerk